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SUBJECT: NEW OPPOSITION GROUP FORMED IN THESSALONIKI

1. "MAKEDONIA" OF JANUARY 22 CARRIES ANNOUNCEMENT OF FORMATION HERE OF OPPOSITION "MOVEMENT FOR DEMOCRACY" INCLUDING WELL-KNOWN LOCAL PERSONALITIES FROM CU, PASOK, AND KKE-INTERIOR. ANNOUNCED PURPOSE OF GROUP WHICH DESCRIBED AS "EXTRA PARLIAMENTARY, NON-PARTISAN MOVEMENT" IS "RADICAL DEMOCRATIZATION OF COUNTRY", "NEUTRALIZATION OF REACTIONARY FORCES", AND AVOIDANCE OF "DEPENDENCE ON FOREIGN SOURCES IN ECONOMIC, POLITICAL, AND MILITARY AFFAIRS". OTHER GOALS INCLUDE "RESTORATION OF ARMED FORCES TO PROPER POSITION UNDER CONTROL OF POLITICAL LEADERSHIP" AND ABOLITION OF "ANTI-DEMOCRATIC LAWS".

2. ABOUT 80 FOUNDING MEMBERS LISTED, INCLUDING PROMINENT LOCAL POLITICIANS, PROFESSIONALS, AND INTELIGENTSIA. AMONG SIGNATURES ARE THESSALONIKI CU DEPUTY PAPATHEMELIS, SEVERAL UNSUCCESSFUL PASOK CANDIDATES, AND THREE MEMBERS OF THESSALONIKI MUNICIPAL COUNCIL.

3. COMMENT: NUCLEUS OF PRESENT GROUP BELIEVED TO HAVE EVOLVED DURING ANTI-ROYALIST CAMPAIGN PRIOR TO DECEMBER 8 REFERENDUM.

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